

GREGORY TRIAL MAY BE DELAYED

Likely That Court Will Be Asked To-Day for Brief Postponement.

NO PLEA OF GUILTY EXPECTED

Former Railroad Cashier Must Answer Charge of Embezzlement.

Although the trial of Louis L. Gregory, former cashier in the freight department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, on a charge of embezzlement, is on the docket of the Hustings Court for to-day, it was intimated yesterday that a brief delay might be granted. There is no formal motion for postponement before the court, and the prisoner has asked for a speedy hearing, but there are one or two details which might make a change in the trial date advisable, without detriment to either side.

Since his arrest in Denver on June 21, on information telegraphed to the police of that city by the Richmond department, Gregory has been in prison. He was brought back on requisition papers, and he made no application for bail, stating on his arrival here that he wanted the matter ended as quickly as possible.

Not Likely to Plead Guilty.

At the City Jail within the past few weeks he has talked freely about his troubles, and while he has stated that sensational evidence may be brought out this week, he has never charged that any of his associates were guilty of stealing railroad funds. He will be defended by Harry M. Smith, Jr., and Robert H. Talley. In certain quarters there is a belief that he will plead guilty and ask for a minimum sentence, but he has never made such a plea yet, and he may make a bitter fight for freedom. He has claimed, however, that the amount of his shortage is not as much as the railroad has announced, the company's statement to the bonding company showing that his alleged defalcation will reach nearly \$25,000. The road lost nothing in the end, the shortage having been made good by the American Surety Company, of New York, which had bonded him in the sum of \$30,000.

Overshadowed Just Now.

While the Gregory case has been temporarily overshadowed by one of greater magnitude, it attracted widespread interest during the latter part of May, after the story of his disappearance was first printed in The Times-Dispatch. On the morning of May 21 a watchman picked up just before the Old Dominion "Chariot" bus, of Kears, some papers and a letter addressed to Mrs. Gregory. Within a few hours, Brookland Park, where he lived, heard that Gregory had committed suicide. He had intimated in the message to his wife that he would destroy himself, and while that theory was accepted at first, the fact of his disappearance in his office forced the conclusion that he had absconded. But while it was known by his employers that he was short in his accounts, no warrant was issued for several days, it having developed later that Gregory left Richmond for the South over the Seaboard Air Line on May 20, at 10 o'clock on the night of May 20, eight hours before his farewell note to his wife was found on the bank of the James.

Led Gay Life.

Going on the old principle that it is proper to kick a poor devil when he is down, the city dragged from the highways and highways the story of Gregory's spectacular life. And it was spectacular. Working on a salary of \$92 a month, handling thousands and thousands of dollars every day, he blossomed out as the big spender of Richmond. A motor car was his first hobby; then another motor car was bought, and before long he was president of an automobile agency. He never made any secrecy of his spending. There were many lurid reports of his life, but most of these were overdrawn, and aside from the charges against him in court, his friends declare that he was not half as bad as he was painted. While he was in deep trouble himself, fearing too that he might be trapped at any moment, he gamely came to the front with a big contribution to make good the shortage of a friend, who had skipped to evade arrest. Over at Brookland Park, where he lived, he did nothing to arouse suspicion, but in town he simply tossed his money to the winds.

Made Quick Get-Away.

On the afternoon of May 20, auditors found glaring discrepancies in his accounts. They found things which had to be explained. It was a shock, for he was popular in the office, and, strange to say, nobody suspected him, while everybody else was wondering how he could spend money so lavishly on the salary of a clerk. After the big game he was called to the office to explain. He said he would return in a few moments; that he wanted to drive home with his wife, and that he would get back after tea. Then he prepared for flight. He had several checks cashed downtown; he wrote the note to his wife, and put it in the wharf with his keys, looked again around the white light places and caught a train. Wherever he went he had to dodge people who knew him intimately, and he had made his last stand in Denver, when he foolishly gave away the tip which led to his arrest.

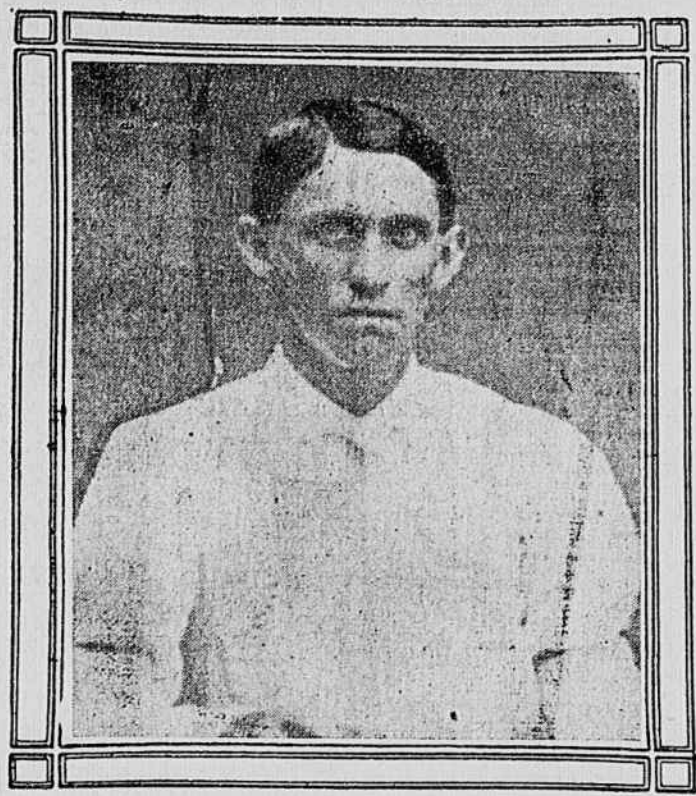
Seaboard Air Line Earnings. Approximate earnings of the Seaboard Air Line Railway for the second week in July show an increase of \$15,643, as compared with the corresponding week last year.

YOU CAN FEEL SAFE From BOTH SPARKS and RAIN

If your roof is made of G. M. Co.'s "Pearl" Roofing Tin.

Gordon Metal Co.
Richmond, Va

Trial Scheduled for To-Day



LOUIS L. GREGORY.

NEW ROAD READY TO OPERATE CARS

But Council Approval of Transfer Matter Must Be Had First.

The appearance yesterday morning in Fifth Street at Broad of one of the cars which will be operated over the line of the Richmond and Henrico Railway attracted considerable attention, and was surrounded throughout the day by curious persons. It is of the same type as the pay-as-you-enter cars operated on the Broad and Main division of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, the only difference being in color. The new cars, seven of which have arrived, are painted a deep red.

Before the new line can begin the transportation of passengers some temporary form of a transfer system will have to be evolved. Arrangements have been made with the Virginia Railway and Power Company for a universal transfer.

At a meeting Saturday afternoon of a subcommittee of the Council Committee on Streets, appointed for the purpose, transfer points were designated. The committee will report to-night at a meeting of the Street Committee recommending that all points of diversion of the two lines be named as transfer points. There is no question but that the report will be favorably acted upon.

As it will require the street railway more than sixty days to have transfers printed, it will be necessary to enter into some temporary agreement with the Virginia Railway and Power Company, and, it is believed, some satisfactory arrangement will be made within a day or two.

John C. Hagan, secretary-treasurer of the new line, said yesterday that it is expected to begin operation Wednesday. The seven cars now here, he declared, will be operated over certain portions of the road to-day for the purpose of working off the "rough edges."

A full corps of conductors, motor-men, inspectors and other employees to be held in readiness to begin work, and all that now remains to be done will be to arrange the temporary transfer plan.

Negro Dies of Injuries.

Bob Woodward, the negro who was taken to the Memorial Hospital Saturday suffering from a fractured skull, died early yesterday morning. He was injured while at work in Emporia, Va.

TWIN BROTHER HOLDS JOB WHILE OTHER TWIN IS SCARED

Man Charged With Wife Beating Finally Comes Back and Gets Warrant in Place of Friendly Greeting at Home.

Speaking of brotherly love, consider now the case of Henry Cheatham, held by the minions of the law on the simple charge of chastising his better half. There are men who sometimes deplore the fact that there are other men of the same name, and there are men who deplore the fact that there are other men of the same face and eyes and looks. Twins generally look alike, especially when they dress alike, but most twins who look alike are bad actors.

When Henry Cheatham went home a year ago and found that everything wasn't exactly as he wished, it is charged that he beat his wife and made her remember that she had been to the races. As all wives who have been beaten should do, she promptly got a warrant, and Henry got away.

But before he shook the dust of the old town from his feet he thought of his job at the Locomotive Works, the good pay he earned, the regret at losing it, and he was prompted to stay. But when he thought again he was chilled by the fear of the fatal words sung at him in court.

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RECTOR UNABLE TO LEAVE HIS HOME

Rev. William Meade Clark III After Swallowing Chicken Bone.

Owing to a very severe illness, Rev. William Meade Clark, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, and editor of the Southern Churchman, was unable to conduct services yesterday. He is at his home, 119 North Fifth Street, under the care of physicians. Mr. Clark is thought to have swallowed a chicken bone on Thursday. A short while later he had violent pains in the chest. While uncomfortable on Saturday, his condition was not so favorable yesterday, and there was little change last night. An X-ray examination was made, but it failed to disclose any evidence of a foreign substance. Mr. Clark's temperature yesterday was 101, and he was able to take little nourishment beyond a glass of milk.

Although friends of the rector were rather uneasy about his condition, his physician stated last night that it was not regarded as at all serious, and that favorable results were expected. Mr. Clark is one of the most prominent Episcopal ministers in Virginia, and news of his illness was received with universal regret, the hope being expressed everywhere that he would speedily recover.

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Negroes on Rampage.

Lulu Crawford (colored) was arrested yesterday afternoon at Providence Park, Henrico county, by Officer Tiller on a charge of disorderly conduct. The woman was on a rampage and creating an unusual disturbance when the officer appeared. She was taken to the county jail, but furnished bail for her appearance this morning before Magistrate T. J. Puryear.

EXPECTS TO WIN \$500 WAGER.

Charlotte Man Rolling Wheelbarrow From Atlanta to New York.

Manassas, Va., July 23.—By rolling a wheelbarrow from Atlanta to New York, Frank Orr, of Charlotte, N. C., expects to win a wager of \$500. He left Atlanta June 23 without matches or money, and by the terms of his wager was allowed to ask for nothing but a drink of water. While in North Carolina that proviso cost him two days' hunger, he says.

Orr passed through here to-day, headed for Washington. His average daily travel is twenty miles. He is due in New York on August 10, but says he will arrive before that time.

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BLUES BACK HOME FROM BASIC CITY

Crowds Watch as They March From Main Street Station to Armory.

MAJOR BOWLES ENTHUSIASTIC

Satisfied That Week in Camp Put Men in Shape for Real War Duty.

Richmond was the scene yesterday of military activity. Those abroad early in the morning witnessed the departure of the First Battalion, First Regiment, Virginia Volunteers, for the annual encampment at Culpeper, while in the afternoon the Richmond Light Infantry Blues' Battalion returned from their manoeuvre practice at Basic City.

Detraining at the Main Street Station, the broad and tanned soldiers were welcomed home by a large crowd. Headed by its band, the command marched up Main Street to Ninth, and thence to the armory, at Sixth and Marshall Streets. There many friends and admirers were waiting to receive the troops, and the latter lost no time in leaving the armory after they had been dismissed by company commanders and hurried home.

Week of Real Work.

The Blues put in a week of the hardest work they had ever experienced, but the members were unanimous in declaring that they would have enjoyed spending the remainder of the summer at Basic.

The only hardship which many of them endured was from sore feet, but after several days of tramping and marching this difficulty was eliminated and the men became hardened to their work.

Only two men were upon the sick list. Private J. S. Hutchinson was ordered home from the camp on account of fever, while Private Holt V. Page sustained a sprained ankle. Both men are of company D.

"I have brought back a battalion of real soldiers," said Major E. W. Bowles, who was immensely pleased with the work of the camp.

"There was no grumbling in camp, and even though the men were compelled to do the same work as those of the regular army, with the exception of cooking, I found that all of them enjoyed camp-life."

"The camp was a perfect model. Its sanitary arrangements were ideal, which was testified to by the perfect health of the men. There was no sickness, except the fever developed by Private Hutchinson, which, I understand, is nothing serious. However, as a precautionary measure, I thought it best to send him home."

"I feel that with the training we have had the Blues are now capable of any military duties which they may be called upon to perform. They are a fine body of disciplined and trained soldiers, ready and able for any work."

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The special train bearing the soldiers was scheduled to arrive here at 3 o'clock, but owing to a delayed departure at Basic, due to loading the heavy baggage, it did not get into the Main Street Station until 4. The trip was made in three and a half hours.

Details from each of the four companies were left at the station to transfer the heavy equipment from baggage cars to trucks for removal to the armory. This work was speedily done.

The remainder of the battalion, under the command of Major Bowles, marched immediately to the armory. Each company was taken into the assembly hall and dismissed. As the command to fall out was given, a routing cheer went up from the men, and they scattered to company rooms, only to emerge a few seconds later and hurry home.

The first official act of Major Bowles upon entering headquarters was to issue an order to all company commanders ordering them to notify the recruiting office of the names of the men who will be dispensed with until September 15.

Each summer it is customary for the Blues to stop their weekly company and monthly battalion drills. They will now have nearly a two months' holiday from this duty.

Jefferson Hotel Arrivals.

W. E. Loucks, San Francisco; Alfred Boy, New York; G. V. Gray, Philadelphia; W. H. Moseley, South Boston; A. N. Nutter, Jr.; H. L. Finlayson, Norfolk; R. T. Crawley, Virginia; J. C. Hickson, Miami, Fla.; R. A. F. Walker, Boston; J. M. Berry, Augusta, Ga.; Porter Fleming, Augusta, Ga.; C. E. Postlethwaite, Pittsburg; Miss Virginia Postlethwaite, Pittsburg; Alfred Atkinson, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Raleigh Smith, Baltimore, Md.; A. O. Hayward, Washington, D. C.; Miss Nellie Lynch, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Bell, New York; Miss A. Sharp, Cleveland, O.; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, Atlanta; Mrs. E. C. Pater, two children and maid, Washington, D. C.; B. P. Eggleston, Drake's Branch, Va.

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ACCEPT CALL TO UNION SEMINARY

Dr. Lingle, of Atlanta, to Hold Chair of Hebrew and Old Testament Work.

IS WIDELY KNOWN MINISTER

Was Formerly Tutor in Presbyterian School of Theology.

Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., who for four years has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Atlanta, announced yesterday from his pulpit that he had decided to accept the appointment to the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament interpretation in Union Theological Seminary, at Richmond.

In announcing his decision, Dr. Lingle said that he was influenced to accept the offer by three things: First, because more than half the ministers of the Presbyterian Church are trained at the Union Theological Seminary, and he therefore would have a splendid chance to help train them for their life work. Secondly, the acceptance of the offer would also enable him to aid in molding the seminary itself, and to increase further its reputation as a training school for ministers; and, thirdly, Dr. Lingle feels that he has some special training for the place.

Widely Known Educator.

Dr. Lingle, in addition to his duties as pastor for four years of the First Church in Atlanta, has served at Dalton, Ga., Rock Hill, S. C., and was also president of the board of trustees of Davidson College, near Charlotte. He is a member of the executive committee of the board of directors of Agnes Scott College, near Atlanta, a member of the General Assembly's executive committee, of home missions in Atlanta, and at the last session of the General Assembly he was appointed chairman of the committee, which is investigating the advisability of establishing a large Presbyterian university in Atlanta. This report will not be made until May.

Dr. Lingle is a graduate of Union Seminary, and at the time of its removal to this city from Hamden, Sidney, about thirteen years ago, he was an instructor in Hebrew, the chair of Hebrew being then occupied by Rev. Walter W. Moore, D. D., now president of the seminary. He succeeds Rev. A. D. P. Gilmore, D. D., who recently accepted a call to a pastorate at Chester, S. C.

Summer Examinations.

The usual summer examinations for teachers' certificates for Henrico county and Richmond will take place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They will be under the supervision of Superintendent J. A. C. Chandler, of the schools, and Arthur D. Wright, of the county schools. The examinations, which will take place in the old High School, 505 East Marshall Street, will begin each morning at 8:40 o'clock.

Committee Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of the Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform, which was scheduled for to-night, has been postponed by Chairman Umlauf until next Monday.

CARRINGTON DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE

Was Former Owner of Historic Exchange and Ballard Hotels.

Peyton R. Carrington died early this morning at his residence, 715 West Grace Street. He was seventy-seven years of age.

Though he had been ill for some time, his death was not expected to a short while before the end came, and was the result of a general breakdown. Mr. Carrington was well known throughout the city, and had for many years been engaged in the title guarantee business. He fought through the Civil War, and was a prominent Mason. Five years ago he was stricken blind on the street, and since that time had been in declining health. He leaves one son, Peyton R. Carrington, Jr. He was the son of Colonel Joseph L. Carrington, formerly the owner of the historic Brown Hotel, and four years ago announced that the funeral arrangements will be made later.

Played Cards in Street. While engaged in a social game of cards on the street yesterday afternoon, B. Patterson, H. J. White, W. F. Sims, J. W. Talmor, F. Gervin, and W. G. Lawrence, young white men, were arrested, charged with being disorderly. The arrest was made by Policemen Gordon Smith and J. J. Traynor, who thought they found no evidence of anything amiss. It was distinctly disorderly to play cards on the street on Sunday. All of the men live in the vicinity of Fairmount.

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Gans-Rady Company's SALE OF FINEST SUITS

Starts this morning. Every mixed and fancy fine Suit in the house at

1/3 Off the Regular Price

AFTER ALTITUDE RECORD AT BIG PICNIC THIS YEAR

Police Aviators Ready to Go Up Toward Skies, While Crows Below Are Feasting on Brunswick Stew and Lemonade.

Just two more days remain until the gates of the State Fair Grounds open for the annual picnic barbecue, which, the press agents for Richmond's finest picnic, without fear of contradiction, will be the biggest one-day stunt ever pulled off in the inclosure. Certain loquacious members of the force have for some time been making a thorough canvass of the city, and there are few citizens above the age of twenty-one who have not invested in the little yellow cards at \$1.50 a throw. The committee is still on the job, rounding up the stragglers, and hopes to have them all in line by the time the gates open Wednesday morning.

The men who are doing plainclothes duty for the barbecue, and officially known as the "committee," are under the command of Sergeant Sherry. The others are: Sergeant Craft, Schleiff, Thurmond, Gerring, Tate, Green, J. J. Smith, Duffy, Johnson, Folkes and Duke. They infect all parts of the city, and will sell you a ticket for the picnic, or a glass of lemonade, or a sandwich, or a member of the Salvation Army solicits a nickel, or if you are inclined to be "gummy" about giving up a hard dollar they can "strong-arm" you and make you give it up by "force and violence." No matter what the method used, you have to be more than average tight.

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